

securing member positioned centrally with respect to the left shoulder strap and the right shoulder strap on a back side of the body harness ;

said left shoulder strap and said right shoulder strap each having a first non-resilient portion extending from about a waistline of a user to about a shoulder level of the user, a second resilient stretchable portion fixedly attached to the first portion and extending over a shoulder of the user and a third non-resilient portion fixedly attached to the second portion and extending along a back of the user to about the waistline of the user .

Claim 2 (amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of said second portions of said left shoulder strap and said right shoulder strap [have] is an elastomeric resilient [portions] portion located adjacent [apexes] an apex of the shoulder [straps] strap.

Please cancel Claims 5-21 without prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

Please add Claims 22 and 23 to the application. No new matter is introduced, and full support to the added Claims is present in the application as originally filed. A check in the amount of \$18.00 is enclosed to cover extra claims. Please charge any underpayment and credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0260 of the undersigned.

Claim 22. The device of Claim 1, wherein said front end of the first branch is fixedly attached to the left shoulder strap below said second portion and wherein said front end of the second branch is fixedly attached to the right shoulder strap below said second portion.